



DISCOVERING YOUR GEORGIA ROOTS USING THE VIRTUAL VAULT

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OBJECTIVES

- ❑ Discuss and explore the Georgia Archives' Virtual Vault resources that can be utilized to trace family roots in Georgia.

- ❑ Share methodology and research tips in order to locate records in the Virtual Vault.

AGENDA

I. About the Georgia Archives

II. Virtual Vault

- i. General Overview
- ii. Live Searching Demo
- iii. Q&A

GEORGIA ARCHIVES: ABOUT US

A unit of the University System of Georgia.

The Georgia Archives is the repository for permanent government records and historical documents on Georgia history.

Our collection includes more than 10,000 maps, 20,000 books and periodicals, 30,000 reels of microfilm and 100,000 photographs.

- 90,000 cubic feet of records
- Over 260 million documents

**GEORGIA
ARCHIVES:
WHAT WE
DO?**

We maintain records that protect your legal and property rights, as well as those of the state government and the counties.

We help state agencies and local governments manage their current and inactive records.

**GEORGIA
ARCHIVES:
WHAT WE
DO?**

We make historic records of permanent research value available to the public.

We help the public use archival records.

Assist researchers with questions via phone and email.

We provide opportunities for public involvement through outreach activities, workshops and the Friends of Georgia Archives and History (FOGAH).

GEORGIA ARCHIVES VIRTUAL VAULT

Accessible Anywhere with
Internet Access

VIRTUAL VAULT

Portal to some of Georgia's most important historical documents, from 1733 to the present.

The Virtual Vault provides online access to historic Georgia manuscripts, photographs, maps, and government records housed in the state archives.

VIRTUAL VAULT

52 Collections

- 33 Keyword Searchable
 - Type in search terms using the search box
- 19 Browsable Collections
 - Navigate to the collection to select an option from a drop down menu or browse the collection



COUNTY AND STATE RECORDS

- Chatham County Court Records
- County Tax Digests
- Georgia Death Certificates
- Marriage Records from Microfilm
- Wilkes County Court Records
- Wilkes County Estate Records



MILITARY RECORDS

- Confederate Records
- Militia Enrollment Lists
- Spanish-American War Service Summary Cards
- World War I Casualties Scrapbooks

MAPS & MORE

- Ad Hoc Collection
- Colonial Era Records
- County Maps
- District Plats of Survey
- Headright and Bounty Plats
- Historic Maps



VIRTUAL VAULT COLLECTIONS

Photographs

- Ad Hoc Collection
- Historic Postcard Collection
- Historic Schools Photograph Collection
- Small Print Collection
- Touring Georgia
- Vanishing Georgia



Vanishing
Georgia
(ful0057)



Ad Hoc (ah00105)

LIVE DEMONSTRATION

[Georgia Archives Virtual Vault](#)

RESEARCH TIPS

Make sure to read the description for each collection so you know what records are included.

Time and location determine the availability of records.

RESEARCH TIPS

For each town/city/county/state where your ancestors lived, learn about that locale and what records are available.

Visit the websites of the State Archives and public library(ies) in your research area(s) to learn what resources they have available.

RESEARCH TIPS

Additional Resources –

Georgia Archives Website

- ❑ Ask An Archivist
- ❑ Research – Research Help
- ❑ Visit – Programs

PHOTO CREDITS

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Georgia, Courtesy, Georgia Archives, Historic Maps Collection, hmf0149 - <https://vault.georgiaarchives.org/digital/collection/hmf/id/18/rec/6>

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